Docket No. 113072.121US1

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Fumio NEGORO

Serial No. 10/018,695

Filed: December 20, 2001

Group Art Unit: unassigned

Examiner: unassigned

SOFTWARE DETERMINATION METHOD, A PROCESSING APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated Office (DO/EO/US) of Application 10/018,695 dated March 6, 2002 for five months from May 6, 2002 to October 6, 2002.

Please charge the \$1,960.00 fee to cover the cost of the extension to Deposit Account No. 08-0219. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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